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SUBJ: BLAY-MIEZAH DEPARTS ON "JOURNEY OF TRUTH"

REF: ACCRA 2756

1. JOHN ACKAH BLAY-MIEZAH DEPARTED ACCRA FOR ZURICH MAY 8 ON SELF-DESCRIBED "JOURNEY OF TRUTH." HE PROMISED TO RETURN TO GHANA "SOON" WITH EVIDENCE OF OWNERSHIP OF 186 MILLION DOLLARS BEQUEATHED TO HIM BY LAYMAN. ACCOMPANYING BLAY-MIEZAH WERE NINE OTHERS INCLUDING TWO FORMER NKRUMAH MINISTERS (KROBO EDUSEI AND KWAKU BOATENG) AND FORMER NKRUMAH

ATTORNEY GENERAL (KWAW SWANZY). PRESS, WHICH TREATED STORY PARTLY TONGUE IN CHEEK, NOTED ABSENCE OF KWESI AMOAKO-ATTA, ALSO EX-NKRUMAH MINISTER, WHO HAD BEEN "FINANCIAL ADVISOR" TO OMANHENE GHANA TRUST, AS WELL AS TATA BREWERY MAGNATE KWABENA SIAW, WHO HAS REPORTEDLY FUNDED MUCH OF BLAY-MIEZAH'S GHANA ACTIVITIES AND IS SAID TO BE AS MUCH AS HALF MILLION CEDIS IN HOLE AS RESULT.

2. BLAY-MIEZAH TOLD PRESS FUNDS WERE NOW IN SWITZERLAND
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(APPARENTLY THE LATEST STOP ON ITS PEREGRINATIONS FROM

PHILADELPHIA). HE ALSO DENIED HE WAS UNDER INDICTMENT IN U.S.,
ADDING THAT IF HE WERE, USG WOULD HAVE TRIED TO EXTRADITE HIM.
PRESUMABLY, BLAY-MIEZAH TRAVELED WITHOUT THOSE FUNDS DISCOVERED
IN HIS POSSESSION ON LAST TRY TO LEAVE GHANA (REFTTEL), BUT WE
ARE NOT CERTAIN OF THIS.

3. IT COULD BE ASSUMED THAT GOG HAS PERMITTED DEPARTURE IN
HOPE THAT HE WILL SIMPLY DISAPPEAR, BUT HE MORE LIKELY WILL
PROVE TO BE PROVERBIAL BAD PENNY, LESS, OF COURSE, 186 MILLION
DOLLARS.
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